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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Awards Banquet planned

Tickets are available for the Third Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Contact any 301st chief or first sergeant for more information or to purchase your tickets.

Joint Education Fair set for Nov. 1

An Education Fair is set for Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Base Chapel, fellowship hall. Academic advisors from numerous colleges will be available to talk to you about your education goals and needs.

Collecting for Operation Care

Operation Care will collect donations during the November UTA. Bins will be set at locations throughout the 301st Fighter Wing. If you have donations and can't find a bin, bring them to Master Sgt. Barbara Therrien's office in the 301st FW orderly room. You can also visit <http://www.occampuschallenge.org> for more details. For a list of acceptable items, see page 6.

Remember...

The 301st Medical Squadron Merger ceremony is Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. in the Desert Storm Conference Center.



Gas and go

Maj. Jason Smith, 457th Fighter Squadron, tops off his F-16's fuel tank before heading to Nellis Air Force Base. The 2008 Civic Leader Tour witnessed the KC-135 midair refueling as part of a program focusing on enlightening local community leaders to the Air Force Reserve mission. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Dave O'Lenick)

CFC: this time you can make the difference

The 301st Fighter Wing Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is about to begin. Our goal is 100 percent contact before the regular CFC season end here Nov. 14.

Contributions through the combined federal campaign are completely voluntary. Commanders and supervisors must ensure no members feel any coercion to contribute.

For those who do choose to contribute, the easiest method for civilian employees / Air Reserve Technicians / Active duty military and Active Guard Reserves is through payroll deduction; amounts as low as one dollar per pay period may be selected for contribution to any organization of choice as listed in the CFC brochure.

Traditional reservists assigned to the 301st FW may contribute through cash or check, however, due to the sporadic nature of traditional reserve duty, payroll deduction is not available for traditional reservists at this time.

There are a wide range of worthy organizations involved in the campaign this year so whatever your interests, there is likely an organization you might like to support through the CFC. You are urged to review the participating organizations in the available CFC brochure and, when your unit key worker meets with you, consider contributing to the organization of your choice.



Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, signs his Combined Federal Campaign contribution form for this years CFC drive. See your unit's key worker to get your form and listing of charities to choose from. CFC's mission is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Karl Lewis)



Going above and beyond

Army Sgt. Elias Reyes (left center) shakes hands with Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gary Linfoot after receiving new iBOT chairs at this year's Skyball VI at Alliance Airport's American Airlines hangar in Fort Worth, Texas. The wounded veterans were presented with the iBOT® Mobility System which features a combination of functions that give the veterans the mobility to do tasks that would have once been considered impossible. Each chair cost approximately \$25,000 and was provided through generous donations from the 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation Huey 091 Foundation's Patriot Fund and Mr. John Dean. Skyball is an annual event that its purpose is to raise funds to benefit the families of area service men and women. American Airlines and American Eagle partnered with the Fort Worth Airpower Foundation on Sky Ball VI to pursue one more way to honor the heroism of brave men, women and their families. Last year's event raised more than \$600,000 for the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and National Guard Relief Fund, as well as other needs for families at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

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Deadline for unsolicited submissions is close of business Monday after the "A" schedule unit training assembly.

Articles should be typed, single-spaced, and, if possible, submitted via email to the public affairs office at 301fw.pa@carswell.af.mil.

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AIR FORCE RESERVE

301st Fighter Wing

Airman of the Quarter
July - September 2008



**Airman 1st Class
Samantha Payne**

**Aircraft Weapons Systems
Technician**

301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

301st Fighter Wing

NCO of the Quarter
July - September 2008



Tech. Sgt. Mary Staffeld

**Formal Schools Program
Manager**

301st Mission Support Squadron

301st Fighter Wing

Senior NCO of the Quarter
July - September 2008



**Senior Master Sgt.
Michael S. Brunin**

F-16 Crew Chief

301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Feed monkey, win prizes

301st Fighter Wing Airmen manned the children's booths giving family members the opportunity to win hundreds of free prizes during the annual Family Day Picnic Oct. 3. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

Light and sweet

Lt. Col. Bradford Montgomery, 301st Mission Support Group deputy commander, and Senior Airman James Stirgus, 301st Communications Flight client support administrator, practice their cotton candy-making technique. Hundreds of 301st Fighter Wing Airmen and their families gathered for the annual picnic. This year's food service donned a different aire with more of a carnival atmosphere. Food, cooked by various squadron members, included corn dogs, hamburgers, fried pies, turkey legs, and of course fried brownie bites. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Then this goes here...

Even 457th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilots gave their time to help the children have fun. Ten booths offered different skill challenges for anyone willing to try free of charge. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



CE's got game

301st Civil Engineer Squadron (left half) took on the Ammo team (right half) and won this year's Annual Family Day Picnic Softball Tournament. The two teams went head to head and CE won by more than double the point spread with a final score of 27 - 11. CES, whose playoff score averaged 30 points a game, now holds the bragging rights for the next year. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Lt. Col. John Moyer)

Spotlight: Family Day Picnic



Slipping the surly bonds

Families got a chance to spend a fun-filled day at the 301st Fighter Wing's annual Family Day Picnic. Booths, games, and lots of free food occupied the day as well as the annual softball tournament. Thousands of food portions were served by various squadron members while the food line never seemed to get shorter. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Master cook takes charge

Col. Jolyon Walker, 301st Mission Support Group commander, takes to flipping burgers in the spirit of Family Day at the base marina. Thousands of food portions were passed off to hungry patrons. A representative from the 301st Services Flight commented there were so many people being served that had to go buy more food. Those still in line didn't seem to mind much; soon mobile food servers began handing out burgers to those waiting. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



Thunder road

A trail of thundering motorcycles made their way to the base marina, led by the 301st Fighter Wing commander, Col. Kevin Pottinger, and some of his staff riding in the sedan, to signal the beginning of the annual Family Day Picnic. Riders from all over the wing joined in this third annual Rolling Thunder with everything from Harleys to Hondas. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

TRICARE Reserve and Guard family benefit now permanent

Eligible families of activated National Guard and Reserve members will continue to save up to \$300 in annual deductibles now that a TRICARE "demonstration" program is a permanent benefit.

Eligible family members of Guard and Reserve personnel activated for more than 30 days under federal orders in support of a contingency operation are made eligible for TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra, which have annual deductibles. While they may be eligible to enroll into TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members, which have no deductibles, many may choose to stay with TRICARE Standard or Extra.

Introduced as one of the first TRICARE healthcare enhancements after Sept. 11, 2001 to assist the increasing

number of National Guard and Reserve service members activated to support the Global War on Terrorism, the benefit waiving annual deductibles has been a demonstration project for over seven years.

"The demonstration has worked well and the benefit is not changing," said the Deputy Director of TRICARE Management Activity, Maj. Gen. Elder Granger. "We simply want to make sure our Guard and Reserve families know this is a permanent benefit now that final federal regulation has been published."

Guard or Reserve families often meet annual deductibles under their commercial plans before they get activated. Waiving the TRICARE Standard and Extra deductibles means eligible families will not have to pay additional

deductibles under TRICARE. The annual deductible for Standard and Extra is \$300 for families.

"National Guard and Reserve members and their families make huge sacrifices to protect our freedom. We don't want to see them sacrifice even more by paying deductibles twice in one year," Granger said.

The published regulation also contains provisions that make it easier for Reserve and Guard members to continue to see their family physicians by potentially increasing the amount that can be paid to out-of-network health care providers.

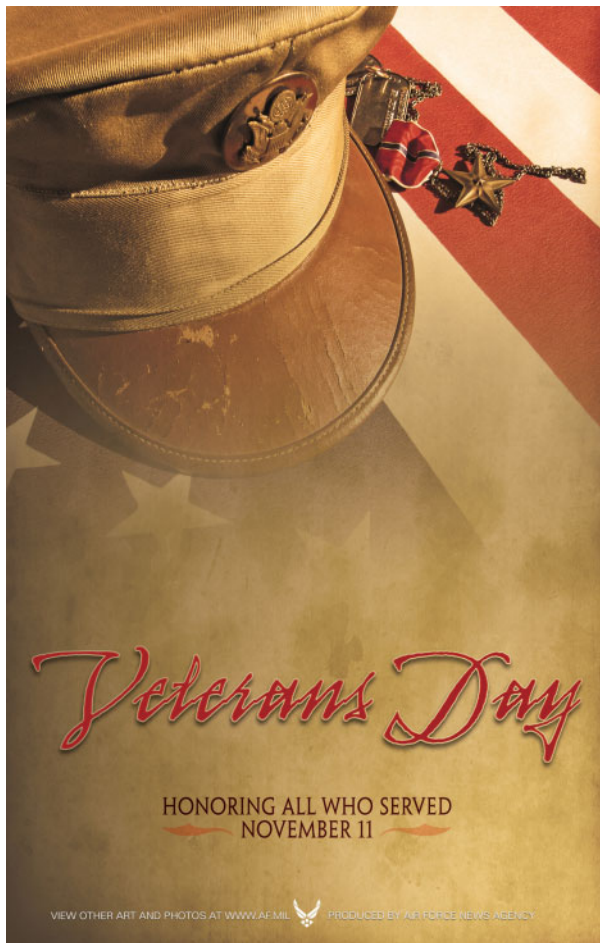
Since eligibility for TRICARE benefits is determined by the services, to ensure family members are eligible for the TRICARE Reserve Family Benefit, activated Reserve and

Guard members should visit their local military ID card issuing facility and update their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

For more about the MHS go to www.health.mil.

Question/Answer session offered

Representatives from TRICARE and United Concordia will be giving briefings at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m. in the 301st Fighter Wing auditorium on Nov. 2, 2008, for all Aerospace Expeditionary Force 7/8 deploying members and their spouses. Seating is limited to 140 people per briefing. This is a great opportunity to address the TRICARE and Concordia representatives with any questions or concerns members or spouses might have.



Operation Care acceptable donations

- *Crutches/Canes or Walkers
 - *Basic medical supplies (ibuprofen, eye drops, cough syrup, allergy medication)
 - *Hygiene products (toothbrushes, tooth paste, skin cream, soap)
 - *Hotel Soaps
 - *Monetary donations (*used to dig wells*)
 - *Yoga mats (*used as mattresses*)
 - *Shoes/boots
 - *Socks
 - *Play ground type equipment (slide/swing)
 - *Toys (match box cars, dolls)
 - No batteries or battery operated toys. The Taliban uses the batteries to make explosives
 - *Clothing
 - *Overcoats
 - *Blankets
 - *Disposable Diapers
 - *Strollers
 - *Books of all kinds
 - *Crayons, coloring books, puzzles
 - *School supplies (pens/pencils/paper)
 - *Umbrellas
 - *Scarves (long ones are best)
- Gently used clothing is perfectly acceptable. Please no dirty, holey, stained or ragged clothing.



BlueTube offered on YouTube

WASHINGTON (AFPN)—The Air Force has its own channel, called AirForceBlueTube, for those videos on the popular video-sharing site YouTube.com.

Because videos are often large they can eat up a lot of valuable bandwidth, especially when they get forwarded to others, Mr. Bove said.

"But on AirForceBlueTube, we can post informative, humorous or exciting videos without affecting Department of Defense bandwidth. With AirForceBlueTube, all people have to do is e-mail the link," Mr. Bove said.

Because YouTube.com content is extracurricular in nature and typically not work-related, people will have to send the link to another e-mail address to view the videos on a computer that is not part of a DOD network, Mr. Bove said. If there is demand for a particularly compelling Air Force-related video, it can be converted to a viewable format and posted to the public affairs community of practice, or CoP, for viewing by all.

So how do people get their videos posted?

"If anyone has a video they'd like to share with other people, all they have to do is send it to our office. If it's compelling, informative or funny without being unprofessional, we'll post it," Mr. Bove said. "Right now we have everything from recent events like Hurricane Gustav and the America Supports You Freedom Walk, to videos from Air Force Link and even some weapon systems video."

Videos are subject to approval before they're posted based on the guidelines of the host site and Air Force New Media. AirForceBlueTube can handle videos up to 100 MB and about 10 minutes a piece. Videos fewer than 10 MB can be e-mailed directly to the site manager at AFBlueTube@pentagon.af.mil, or afbluetube@gmail.com. If a file is too large, anyone can mail a disc with the video to:

*Air Force Public Affairs Agency
ATTN: AFBlueTube Manager
901 N. Stuart St. Ste. 605
Arlington, VA 22203-1821*
AirForceBlueTube can be found at www.YouTube.com/AFBlueTube.



The Purple Heart, awarded to servicemembers injured or killed while serving with the U.S. military, was established by Gen. George Washington by order from his headquarters at Newburgh, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1782. (U.S. Air Force illustrated/Virginia Reyes)

Former POWs now eligible for posthumous Purple Hearts

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A policy change to expand eligibility for the Purple Heart award to prisoners of war who died in captivity represents the right decision that recognizes their sacrifice, a senior defense official said.

Pentagon officials announced the new policy Oct. 6 that will extend criteria for receiving Purple Hearts to prisoners of war who have died in captivity since the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"The Purple Heart is an award worn with great pride and recognizes that the servicemember has been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action," said Samuel Reterford, the Pentagon's deputy director of officer personnel management.

The revision maintains the integrity of the award while allowing a reasonable presumption that servicemembers who die in captivity did so as a result of enemy action or complicity, he said.

Extension of the Purple Heart to these POWs does not constitute dual recognition for the same act or service, Ms. Lainez emphasized.

Each military department will publish application procedures for retroactive Purple Heart awards. Family members with questions may contact the services directly: Air Force, 800.616.3775; Army, 703.325.8700; Navy, 314.592.1150; Marine Corps, 703.784.9340.

Donley now Secretary of the Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates officially swore in Michael B. Donley as the Secretary of the Air Force Oct. 17 at the Air Force Memorial.

In his speech, Secretary Donley said he's honored to serve as the senior civilian leader of the Air Force and looks forward to the challenges of the position.

"To the men and women of the Air Force, to its many stakeholders, and to all who know and love this tremendous institution, I commit to you my full energies during my term of office as the 22nd Secretary of the United States Air Force," Secretary Donley said. "It is my honor and privilege to accept this appointment as Secretary of the Air Force. I am grateful to once again be serving with the finest Air Force in the world."

In the coming days, the Air Force will face several issues, but is prepared to tackle any obstacle, he said.

"As the Air Force looks forward, the possibilities are unlimited," Secretary Donley said. "We are making great strides in strengthening our nuclear enterprise and restoring acquisition excellence, and there is absolutely no question that America's Airmen are 'all in' for today's joint and coalition fight."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz was the presiding official for the ceremony.

"Today we celebrate Secretary Donley's virtuous character, strong leadership, and personal example of our Air Force core values," General Schwartz said. "It is a privilege to have Secretary Donley lead our Air Force as we go through these important times."

Secretary Donley has more than 30 years of experience in the national security community, including service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon. In his most recent position, he was responsible for Washington Headquarters Services, a 1,300-employee entity that oversees management of the Pentagon and Department of Defense services within the National Capital Region, and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.

Secretary Donley, who was acting Secretary of the Air Force for seven months in 1993 and served as the service's top financial officer from 1989 to 1993, also served on the National Security Council and was a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee in the early 1980s.

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Cowtown recruiters unite

301st Fighter Wing Recruiters and their families from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area gathered for a nostalgic photo before heading out to their national conference held in Orlando, Fla. Fort Worth based group likes to be known for their down-home hospitality. (U.S. Air Force Photo Enhancement/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

PROMOTIONS and REENLISTMENTS

Promotions

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Jaime Robertson

Senior Airman Gina Sanchez

Staff Sgt. David Osowski

Master Sgt. Monty Lovelady

Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth W. Stasny

10AF

Senior Master Sgt. Lawrence V. Rimmer

301 MXS

Senior Airman Tyrell Billingsley

Senior Airman Samantha Payne

Master Sgt. Ronald Garcia

Senior Master Sgt. Charles N. Colborn

Senior Master Sgt. Edward J. Kusterbeck

301 FW

Staff Sgt. Lisette Doyle

Tech. Sgt. Lorenzo Herrera

Tech. Sgt. Rachelle Weber

301 LRS

Airman 1st Class Eunice Wegener

Staff Sgt. Abu Berry

301 CES

Senior Airman Arval Hawking

Staff Sgt. Robert Wolf

Master Sgt. Ronald Nason

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Brittany Belardi

301 AMDS

Staff Sgt. Gregory Hicks

457 FS

Staff Sgt. Cory McCray

301 SVF

Staff Sgt. Sean Muya

610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Daniel Pottinger

701 MDS

Tech. Sgt. James Maher

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Dearman

Master Sgt. John Holt

Reenlistments

301 AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Blas

Staff Sgt. Larry Buckner

Airman 1st Class William Fox

Tech. Sgt. Ritchie Heyne

Staff Sgt. Christopher Parker

Staff Sgt. Alexis Watts

301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Christina Brant

Tech. Sgt. Roger Brown

Staff Sgt. Randall Burks

Tech. Sgt. David Heffelfinger

Staff Sgt. James Parker

Master Sgt. Nathan Robin

Senior Airman Keith Smith

Senior Airman Derek Staine

301 MDS

Staff Sgt. Chad Williamson

457 FS

Tech. Sgt. Rodrick Graham

Senior Airman Kristen Wondrock

301 OSF

Staff Sgt. Sara Schiel

610 SFS

Tech. Sgt. Alexander Jaballa

Senior Airman Robert Ortiz

301 CF

Senior Airman Robert Catts

Senior Airman Bryce Humphrey

301 CES

Staff Sgt. Jared Howes

301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Joseph Gudmestad

73 APS

Tech. Sgt. David Easley